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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

Add the following language beginning at page 1, at approximately line number 2, below the title and above "Background":

Claim of Priority

B1 This application claims priority under 35 USC §120 to commonly owned, copending application serial no. 09/205,418, issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,163,859, on December 19, 2000, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, at approximately line number 24, with the following rewritten paragraph:

B2 Figs. 8A and 8B are flowcharts illustrating alternative processes for software management.

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 14, at approximately line number 21, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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A Second Preliminary Amendment relating to the above-referenced application is enclosed. The required excess claim fees are computed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

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Respectfully submitted,

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